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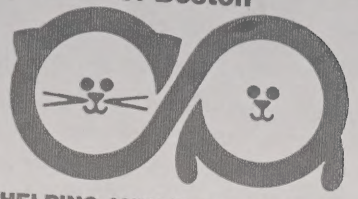

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to remember loved ones and to help our animal friends at the same time is through a gift to the Animal Rescue League of Boston. Gifts may be extended in memory of a loved one...in honor of a special occasion such as a birthday, anniversary, retirement or wedding...as a holiday remembrance...or, as a way to say a special "Thank You!"

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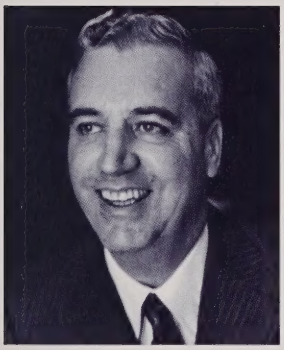
A Message from the President

A New Look



Arthur G. Slade
President

In three short years, in 1999, the League will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary. The League was founded in March of 1899 by Anna Harris Smith and shortly thereafter the publication of Our Fourfooted Friends began.

The magazine has remained the main source of communication between the League and its supporters throughout our history. *Our Fourfooted Friends* has reported the major events and activities of the League and has enabled us to express our views on a multitude of issues over the years.

In its early days our magazine was filled with writings and articles by Mrs. Smith, which to this day give me and others real insight into the ideals and goals of our founder. It is amazing that many of her principles and concerns can be found in and applied to our humane concerns today. Some of Mrs. Smith's earliest articles were about such things as the cruelties involved in the use of the steel jaw leghold trap, the pet overpopulation problem, and the challenges inherent in animal control work. And these older issues of *Our Fourfooted Friends* are also an interesting history of the humane movement in general, as well as a chronicle of League events.

As the years went by the appearance and design of *Our Fourfooted Friends* changed a number of times. With the approach of our 100th Anniversary, we felt it was appropriate to give our publication a "face-lift" for the next century to honor the beginning of our second hundred years of service. Thus we are delighted to present with this issue our new cover design and interior layout. We feel that this new look gives *Our Fourfooted Friends* a more modern and up-to-date appearance without losing the warm and wholesome ideals of the past. With this issue, we mark another milestone in the League's history.

Law Enforcement's Alan Borgal and Deanna MacMillan from the Boston Shelter aren't as chilly as you might think thanks to their cold water immersion suits.

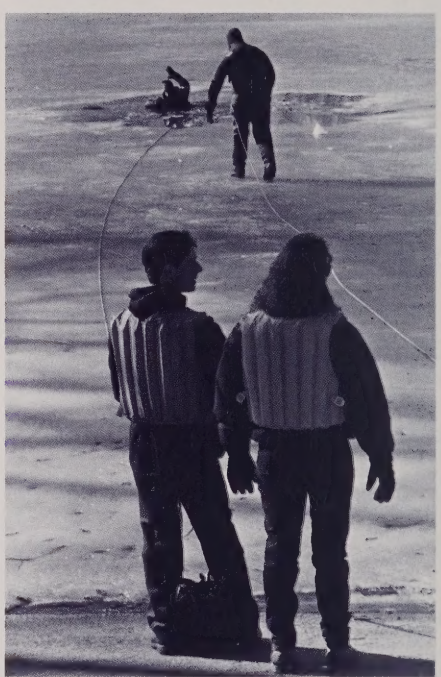
Rescue Training *brrraved* by League Staff

Neither sleet nor snow nor... will keep the Animal Rescue League of Boston from its mission—to rescue animals in need. This past February, League staff members took part in ice rescue training in the Charles River in Dedham. Alan Cunningham, Senior Training and Public Education Instructor, and Terry Ober, Dedham Shelter Agent, taught the class. "Anything you can do to enhance and improve your ability to rescue animals is always valuable," reflects Cunningham.

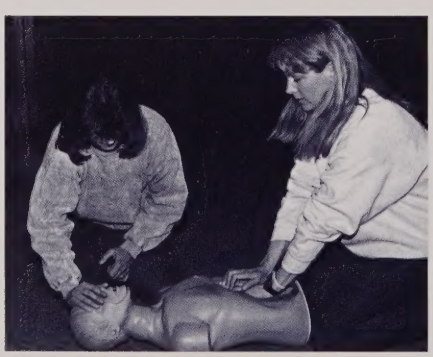
The group braved the cold to learn how to use the specialized equipment necessary for ice rescues including the cold water immersion suits that allow rescuers to stay in the frigid waters for five to six hours. Ice rescue capabilities will allow the League to help trapped or injured animals, such as ducks whose feathers have stuck to the ice and dogs who have fallen through the ice.

"It's fun, but we take it seriously," says Cunningham. "It is low risk if you do it right." The trainers' focus is on protecting the safety of the human rescuers as well as of the animals.

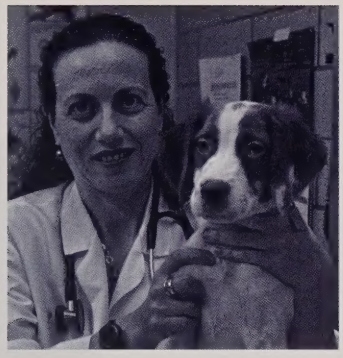
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) classes were also given recently as part of ongoing field service training required of law enforcement and ambulance drivers at the League. Medical Training Associate Patricia Strachan guided staff through simulated CPR exercises.



"Hey, don't forget about me," says Alan Cunningham to Terry Ober as Marc Mathieu and Deanna MacMillan look on.



One and two and... Beverly Hardcastle, Assistant Manager of the League's Salem Branch, and Law Enforcement Officer Dianne Begonis practice their CPR technique.



A Veterinary UPDATE

by Bosmat Gal, D.V. M.

Learn to be "Heart-Smart"

The more protected and well-cared for your pet is, the more likely it is to live to an advanced age, but as the life span of an animal increases, so does the chance of a chronic disease developing, especially heart disease. Although a dog or cat of any age can have a heart problem, old age is when heart disease is most likely to develop.

In the very early stages of heart disease, an animal may not require treatment, but early detection of the problem will allow your veterinarian to conduct proper evaluations and careful follow-up, and thereby be ready to administer the appropriate treatment at the most beneficial time.

The overt signs of heart failure include coughing at night, difficulty in breathing, episodes of weakness or collapse, exercise intolerance and pulmonary edema; however, heart disease at an early stage can be present before any of these obvious symptoms appear. Heart murmurs may also be present, with no other symptoms, especially among older (over the age of eight), small and medium-sized dogs.

In an interview in the October issue of *DVM Newsmagazine,* John Rush, D.V. M., chief cardiologist at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, offers several suggestions to help detect signs of heart disease at an earlier stage. Dr. Rush recommends asking questions like: "Is your dog or cat sleeping comfortably at night? Has your pet slowed down any? Does your dog still want to go for walks? Did he used to pull on the leash when walking? Is he still pulling on the leash during a walk?" Answers to questions like these can point to "early signs of heart failure that we don't always pick up on," he states.

A thorough annual physical for a pet that is entering the geriatric years should include a chest x-ray, echocardiogram (an ultrasound procedure) and EKG, urinalysis and blood tests. If signs of heart disease are detected, your veterinarian is likely to recommend a consultation with a veterinary cardiologist. If treatment is warranted, he or she may prescribe one, or a combination, of the many effective medications available today to combat heart disease or alleviate its symptoms. These include diuretics to reduce fluid retention, calcium antagonists, beta blockers, and a new class of hormone inhibitors which have potential to prevent enlargement of the heart.

When it comes to matters of the heart, teamwork on the part of a vigilant pet owner and equally alert veterinarian can add to both the length and quality of your pet's life.

Time for Heartworm Test and Treatment

Spring has arrived, and with it comes the threat of mosquito season. It's time to have your dog tested for heartworm disease, and placed on preventive medication until late fall or early winter, when the mosquito infestation subsides. Transmitted by the bite of an infected mosquito, heartworms take up residence in a dog's heart and, if left untreated, cause coughing, lethargy, weight loss, shortness of breath, and ultimately death. Make an appointment today to protect your pet!

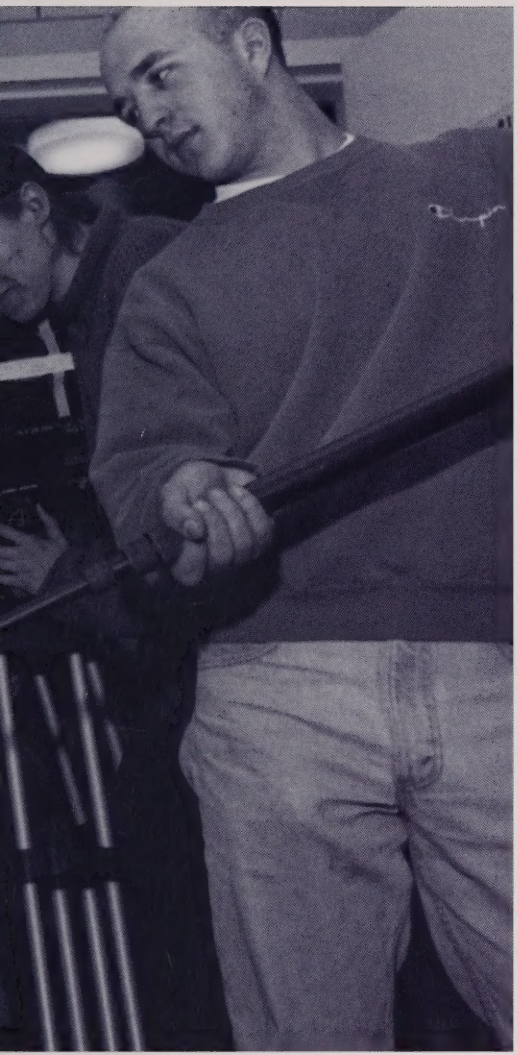
News from

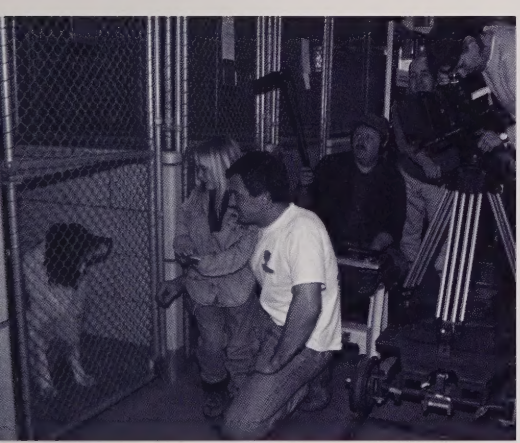
Dr. Cheryl Cullion, League veterinarian, performs a check-up on "Kory," the star of the show, as the Boston University Film Crew prepares to film the scene.

League Produces Video Public Service Announcement!

Lights, Camera, Action! The Animal Rescue League of Boston is producing a thirty-second video public service announcement (PSA). Students from the Boston University Film Unit recently spent a day at the League's headquarters in Boston filming the PSA which will highlight the League's rescue services.

"Kory", owned by Alan Cunningham, League senior humane educator, was the dog in distress. Fortunately, this was one rescue with a guaranteed happy ending. Upon completion, the PSA will be distributed to air on local media outlets. Look for it on your local stations in late spring!





The Boston University Film Crew prepares to shoot footage of actors about to adopt "Kory."

Protect Your Pet Against Rabies!

In an effort to ensure that all pet owners protect their pets from the deadly threat imposed by the presence of the raccoon rabies strain in Massachusetts, the League will hold three rabies clinics this spring in various Boston area locations. Rabies inoculations will be provided at a cost of $2.00 each, free to pet owners 60 and over. Please remember that all animals must be on a leash or in a carrier. Clinics will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following dates:

- **Saturday, April 27**
  Boston Fire Department
  Engine Company #20
  301 Neponset Avenue
  Dorchester
- **Saturday, May 4**
  League's Dedham Branch
  Pine Ridge Animal Center
  55 Anna's Place
  (238 Pine Street) Dedham
- **Saturday, June 1**
  Boston Police Department
  Mounted/K9 Unit
  165 Allendale Road
  Jamaica Plain

Rabies Vaccinations:

Pet owners must be at least eighteen years of age, with positive identification. Dog owners must also have a current dog license (which may be obtained at the clinic).

Dog License Fees:

$4.00 for males and spayed females (proof required), and $15.00 for unspayed females.

Second Annual Putting for Pets!

Start practicing your golf swing and putting technique—the Second Annual Putting for Pets golf tournament is only a few months away! Last year's fund-raiser was such a success (we raised over $8,400 for the purchase of rescue equipment), we have already started planning for our next outing on the fairways at the Wayland Country Club.

The date is set for September 27 and this year's format will be a shotgun start. For information on signing up or becoming a sponsor, please contact Laura MacFeeley or Laurel Wellman at 617-426-9170.

The Animal Rescue League of Boston will soon be on the Internet!

Look in the summer issue of *Our Fourfooted Friends* for our Internet address and complete menu listing of topics! Some items will include: Pet Parade, Rescue News, League Events, Children's Section, Pet Care Tips, and much more!

Put Those Winter Blues Away, Summer Camp is on its Way!

With the dog days of summer rapidly approaching, it could only mean one thing—the opening of the Animal Friends Summer Camp in North Falmouth, Massachusetts! We invite children entering grade 1 through age 13 to come explore, meet friends, and learn about animals, nature, ocean ecology, care for small pets, farm life and much more. Applications are now being accepted for the summer of 1996—our 47th season!

Session I, from July 1 to July 19, is open to youngsters from third grade up to the age of 13. Session II, from July 22 to August 16, is open to children entering grades 1, 2, or 3 in the fall. Children may be enrolled for either full-day (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) or half-day (morning or afternoon) programs.

Session I

July 1 to July 19, 1996

(Three-week session)

Registration fee:

$255 (full-day), $170 (half-day)

(For each additional child in a family, $210 full-day, $150 half-day)

Session II

July 22 to August 16, 1996

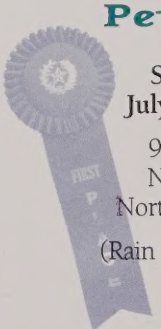
(Four-week session)

Registration fee:

$340 (full-day), $225 (half-day)

(For each additional child in a family, $280 full-day, $200 half-day)

Annual Pet Show



Saturday, July 27, 1996

9:00 a.m.,
Nye Field,
North Falmouth

(Rain date: July 28)

For more information or to register, please contact:

Sonia DiTommaso

Director, Animal Friends Summer Camp

Animal Rescue League of Boston

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Shown here with "Sky" are new friends from left, front, Hill Tavern manager Matt Phillips, owner Peter Culpo, and party hosts Ian Watson and Pip Barton. Toasting in the back are from left, League President Arthur Slade, party planners Janice McOwen, Kelly Donahoe, Shari Stade and Kara Gallagher.

First Annual Rescue Party Raises Funds for Clinic

A downpour of rain mixed with snow couldn't keep almost two hundred animal lovers away from the *First Annual Rescue Party* held recently at The Hill Tavern on Beacon Hill. The capacity crowd donated $2,000 to benefit the animals treated in the League's clinic. Event organizers Pip Barton, Kelly Donahoe, Kara Gallagher, Janice McOwen, Shari Stade and Ian Watson are to be commended for their efforts which included obtaining sponsors, raffle prizes, the location, and general good cheer.

Shari Stade adopted her orange tabby, "Mulligan," from the League's Boston shelter in September, 1994. "He was an older cat who had been surrendered to the League because his owners were moving," says Stade. "I came up with the idea of a rescue party in hopes that other animals could be helped and adopted." She brought the idea to her fellow organizers who immediately joined the cause. Janice McOwen, who adopted "Coco," a five-month-old, white, long-haired kitten from the League in April, 1992, says "Coco was the runt of the litter. I was told that she would need lots of love and patience." Four years later, Coco has a very happy home thanks to Janice's care and nurturing. Kelly Donahoe also has two cats she adopted from a local shelter.

The League hopes this will be the first of many future "Rescue Parties" and would like to offer a special thanks to: Chas. Gilman & Sons, Inc., Classic Wine Imports, The Hill Tavern, M.S. Walker, and Tremont Brewery. Raffle prizes were provided by Elizabeth Grady Face-First Salon, Giuliano Day Spa & Design Center, Le Pli at The Heritage, Loon Mountain, Okemo Mountain Resort, Sunday River, and Tower Records. "Sky," the handsome gentleman with the pointed ears seated in the first row of the picture above also says "thanks"—he was adopted after this photo appeared in the Boston Herald.

Book Review

Dog Heaven

by Cynthia Rylant

All dogs go to heaven, right? Author Cynthia Rylant says they do. This wonderfully illustrated book gives an imaginative glimpse of what may happen to those dogs who pass on. Not only is this a good book to introduce bereavement over the loss of a pet to younger children, but it will also calm your soul, make you laugh and may just make you believe that there is a place in heaven for all animals.

Nate the Great and the Tardy Tortoise

by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat and Craig Sharmat

For all those detectives out there ... when Nate finds a tortoise outside in his flower garden, he decides to go on a mission with his dog, Sludge, to find this little green guy's home. Through some great sleuth work, "Nate the Great" is able to return the tortoise to where he came from.

'95 Annual Report

The year 1995 was a very special one at the League, marking our 97th year of service to animals. We are fast approaching our 100th Anniversary, the beginning of the new millennium and our own second century of service. Our long-range planning committee, made up of directors and League management staff, continue to look to the future with confidence.

One of our long-range projects is to open a new South Shore shelter on a 65-acre parcel of land recently acquired in Pembroke, Massachusetts. Much of the site will be devoted to a natural wildlife preserve. And we also look forward to improvements in our existing shelters to meet changing needs.

League staff members were involved in a number of training programs and seminars throughout the year, which kept them in touch with the latest improvements and techniques in areas such as veterinary medicine, special rescue methods, and new types of rescue equipment, including new ice rescue procedures and tools. Given the weather this past winter, our rescue teams had ample opportunity to put these new methods and equipment to good use!

1995 saw many of our office procedures and record keeping systems become more efficient and cost-effective through the use of new computer technology. We are presently working to develop software for our direct animal care areas. Our Clinic already has such a system in place.

We were grateful for the support of each of our more than 35,000 members last year, and were especially pleased to welcome over 3,100 new members. In a wide variety of ways, the League was able to provide direct, humane services to 97,769 animals in 1995. And we were able to safeguard the future of countless thousands of other animals with our legislative work. Through monitoring legislation and appearing at various legislative hearings, we will continue to make every effort to see that new and revised laws relating to animals are humane and in the best interest of the animals.

A major effort in this regard during the past year has been to ban the use of the steel jaw leghold trap by means of an Initiative Petition. League members responded by the thousands to our appeal to collect signatures for the Petition drive. In just a few short weeks, our members collected over 18,000 signatures. Thanks to our members and those of other organizations, the Petition drive was an overwhelming success.

Our pet adoption program saw an increase of 13% in the placement of animals in new and responsible homes. Pet adoptions are one of our most positive efforts, and we are extremely pleased to see these increases. It is interesting to note that there has been a significant increase in the number of cat adoptions. On another happy note, last year 1,037 lost animals joyfully were reunited with their families.

Showing her fine taste in potpourri, "Miz Kitty," about four months old, is photographed by her owner, Ruth McWilliams.

Our ambulance agents responded to 9,120 emergency calls to assist animals in distress. These rescues involved all sorts of animal problems from a dog hit by a car to a cat stranded in a tree or a wild goose with an arrow through its neck. Each rescue posed a new and slightly different challenge to our rescue agents, who were climbing a tree one day and performing a water rescue the next.

Our outpatient veterinary clinic showed a dramatic 39% increase in cases in 1995. Of the 13,828 animals treated in our Boston Clinic, many were animals spayed or neutered for our adoption program here at our headquarters. In addition, over 3,000 other animals were spayed or neutered through our contract veterinary services at our branch shelters in Salem, Dedham, and Brewster.

Our law enforcement department is responsible for cruelty investigations, inspection of animal facilities and the quarantine of biting animals in Boston. Our officers investigated 1,420 cruelty complaints involving 6,297 animals. Inspection work took us to riding stables, pet shops, research labs and other similar facilities where animals are housed. In all, 168 inspections were completed which involved 55,871 animals such as dogs, cats, horses, sheep, cows, swine, birds and reptiles.

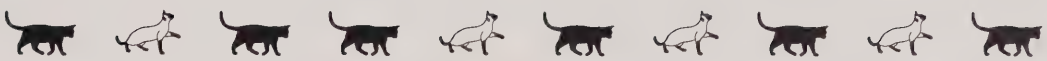
We handled 1,609 quarantine cases that involved 1,677 animals. A total of 3,486 visits were made to inspect the quarantined animals.

This is a vital part of the rabies control program in Boston. Fortunately, we have not had any major rabies outbreaks in the City of Boston.

For the first time in several years, we had full attendance at our Animal Friends Summer School on Cape Cod. Responding to a questionnaire sent to parents of campers, we revised our programs from some half-day and some full-day to all full-day. This change was reflected in increased enrollment and the opportunity for additional camp activities.

Both the humane education and the public relations departments have added new staff and have a number of new programs and activities planned for the future. Our education department will continue its goal of teaching children to love and respect animals.

Light Blue Ribbon Shines a Light on the Problem of Pet Overpopulation



by Laurel Wellman

For many of us, caring about animals is a part of who we are. We take in strays, sign petitions, cry at stories of abuse, and donate money to benefit animals. Our compassion is often written all over our faces. Now instead of wearing your heart on your sleeve you can wear it proudly on your lapel. The Animal Rescue League of Boston has begun a pin campaign to draw attention to the problem of pet overpopulation. Pins will be sold which display the League's logo of a cat and a dog's face in combination with a light blue ribbon. The light blue ribbon symbolizes the urgency of spaying and neutering dogs and cats. The idea is an offshoot of a similar campaign developed during a think-tank weekend with representatives from national and local animal care and advocacy groups and two veterinarians. Their original idea was to use a key tied with a light blue ribbon and pin it to your clothing. "It could become a nationally recognized symbol, just like the AIDS red ribbon, yet it allows groups to use their own creative twists on the theme," says AHA's Joyce Briggs. Our twist was to replace the key with the Animal Rescue League of Boston's logo. This way, when people ask you about the pin, you can not only explain the pet overpopulation problem, but also talk about the League's important work. The League is on the front lines every day in the crusade to spay and neuter all pets. As many of you know, the operation is a pre-requisite to adoption. Through our staff and education programs, the League vigorously promotes the idea of spaying and neutering all pets. One cat and her offspring can produce 420,000 cats in seven years and one dog and her offspring can produce 67,000 dogs in six years. Overpopulation among cats and dogs is therefore a serious society problem. The sterilization procedure is not painful or dangerous to the animal and can be beneficial in many ways. A sterilized animal lives a healthier, longer life. For females (who are spayed), the danger of mammary cancer is reduced significantly while ovarian cancer and uterine cancer along with uterine infections are in most cases, eliminated completely. For males (who are neutered), prostate problems are reduced as are the urges to roam or fight. Pets who are sterilized are calmer and more obedient, they also get along better with other pets in the household. Other bothersome problems such as spraying, over–aggressiveness and excessive barking or howling are also eliminated. In addition to the light blue ribbon, we will offer the option of adding a white ribbon. The white ribbon will symbolize the animals that unfortunately had to be humanely euthanatized due to overpopulation. Despite the best efforts of many dedicated organizations like the Animal Rescue League of Boston, only 20% (nationwide average) of animals brought to shelters are actually adopted. Euthanasia saves an animal from a potentially horrible life on the streets, yet all animal lovers, especially those working in the shelters, wish it were not necessary. It is also a difficult and stressful part of working in an animal welfare organization. We hope for everyone's sake that we can lower the statistics of euthanasia by bringing the problem of pet overpopulation to the public's attention.
The Animal Rescue League of Boston asks all pet owners to strongly consider altering their pet as well as spreading the word through our pin campaign. Call us today at 617-426-9170 to order your pin.

Animal Fri

A special feature for our younger readers

A Message that Lasts the Whole Year Long...

National Be Kind to Animals Week, May 5-11

Jenny couldn't wait to get home from school, this was a very exciting week for her. As she opened the door of her house, her dog, Marley, was there to greet her. "Oh Marley, you are such a wonderful friend, what would I do without you?" Marley licked Jenny's face; he was glad to see her, too.

Jenny's mother was pleased to see Jenny so happy. "Mom, it's **Be Kind to Animals Week,** and my teacher, Mr. Jones, has planned a week of events devoted to celebrating the bond we have with animals."

"Today we went to the library and checked out books on animals. My teacher suggested such books as *A Regular Rolling Noah,* by George Ella Lyon, *How to Play with your Dog,* by Christine Popovich, and *Clifford the Big Red Dog,* by Norman Brickwell. There were so many other books to choose from! I took out the book, *A Dog on Barkham Street,* by M.S. Stolz. Tomorrow we are going to make posters of how we can be kind and respectful to animals so we can decorate our school to get the message to others that it is a very special week. On Wednesday, we are going to the local humane society to have a tour and see how an animal shelter works. We will get to see the animals that are up for adoption and are looking for a good home. The humane educator will be there to talk with us about pet care and responsibility. Mr. Jones asked us to bring in blankets that day so we can donate them to the shelter. Thursday we are going to visit an animal hospital. There we will get to see the examination rooms, operating rooms, and holding cages for those animals who are recovering from surgery. A wildlife rehabilitator will come to class Friday. We will learn the importance of preserving wild animals' habitats. Mr. Jones says though we should never have wildlife as pets, we can still be kind to them and admire them from afar."

"It seems as though you have a very busy week ahead of you," said Jenny's Mom. "Remember Jenny, the lessons you learn this week should be applied all year long."

Marley barked in agreement.

Jenny is doing some great things during National Be Kind to Animals Week. Here are some events that the Animal Rescue League is hosting to celebrate this very special week. You too can join in on the fun!

May 4

Open House
Pine Ridge Animal Center, Dedham
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Rabies Clinic
Pine Ridge Animal Center, Dedham
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. for the rabies clinic

May 5 *(Humane Sunday)*

Blessing of the Animals
Pine Ridge Cemetery, Dedham
3 p.m.
The ceremony will be conducted by Reverend Robert W. Golledge, D.D., Board Member of the Animal Rescue League and Vicar of Old North Church. Bring your animals to be blessed (make sure that dogs are on a leash and other animals are in carriers or cages).

Week of May 5-11

Come take a tour of the Boston facility with your parents
(We are located on 10 Chandler St.). You can stop in anytime during the week from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

May 11

Open House
The Animal Rescue League of Boston, Salem, and Brewster
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
All are welcome!

Ask your teachers to call our humane education department to schedule one of our educational programs for your classroom—it's fun to find out about pet care and responsibility.

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Dear Kory,

I heard that dogs can be trained to help people. What does this exactly mean?

Many pets are specially trained to work for people. For instance, my cousin, Joe, is a hearing-dog. Because his owner is deaf, Joe must be his owner's "ears" and alert him to different sounds. It is a long training process to become a hearing-dog, and not just any dog can become one. He or she must be alert, friendly, smart, and full of energy to qualify. Training starts at the puppy stage, then a rigorous training program occurs for three to six months—kind of like you going through twelve years of school! First comes obedience training, which simply means the dog learns to sit, heel, stay, and come. Instead of learning the commands by hearing them, hand signals are introduced. The dog is then trained to be aware of specific sounds—like an alarm clock, doorbell, or fire alarm. Once placed in a home with a deaf person, the dog will be able to alert his or her owner at the appropriate time. This is where all of the training comes in handy. Hearing-dogs are just one example of the many ways animals can help people. Why, pets make great companions and often help people to live much happier and healthier lives. This companionship, however, should not be just a one way street. People should love, respect, and care for their pets—this way a true friendship can be formed.

A Kory Fact:

The heaviest pet cat was Tiger. He lived in England and weighed 43 lbs.—now this was one fat cat!

Hey Kids! Do you have a question for Kory? Write in and if your question gets published in *Our Fourfooted Friends* magazine, you'll receive a free autographed picture of Kory, and an Animal Rescue League t–shirt. Send your questions to:

Questions for Kory
The Animal Rescue League of Boston
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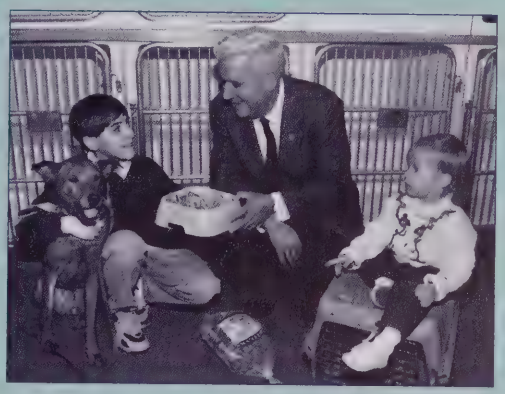

President Slade thanks Steven Ciano (on the left) for donating his hard-earned money to the League. Steven's sister, Kristin Callahan, is also pictured here.

For the Love of Our Fourfooted Friends

Many thanks go out to 10-year-old Steven Ciano from Wilmington, Massachusetts, who raised money during the summer to be donated to the Animal Rescue League of Boston.

By washing cars, helping neighbors with chores, and even putting aside some of his birthday money, Steven was able to save $75.00. His donation will contribute to helping many animals at the Animal Rescue League.

If you or someone you know has been performing good deeds on behalf of our animal friends, send us a photo and letter with all the details! If we publish your story, we'll send you a League t-shirt! **Send entries to:**

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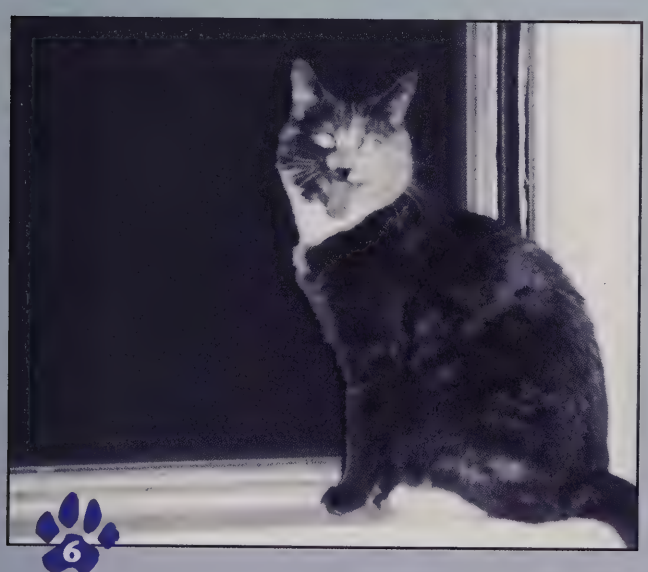
P.O. Box 265, Boston, MA 02117

Participants must be twelve years of age or younger.

Pets in the

Picture



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"Sadie," adopted last summer, is enjoying the royal treatment from owner Linda Levin of Wayland who writes: "She's loving, sweet-tempered and playful, and I adore her! Actually she's living like a queen—but then, she deserves it, after her difficult beginning. Many thanks to you all."

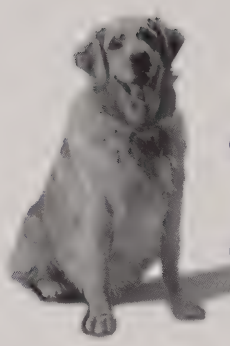
2
"Morgan" surveys the scene at the Holliston home of Jacqueline Moore who writes: "He is constantly playing, eating well, and is not at all intimidated by the other cats!"

3
"'Little Paws' has doubled in size, and enjoys exceptional health and good spirits," reports Matthew Bless of West Newton who adopted his lively companion last November. "As I write, he attacks my pen with teeth fortified by the well-balanced nutrition of a science diet," he adds.

4
"She made herself at home the day she arrived," writes Susan Chelmow-McDonough of Canton who adopted her cat "Ellie" last summer from the League's Pine Ridge Center in Dedham. "We couldn't have asked for a better cat. She's extremely energetic, has a bubbly personality, and gets along great with people and other animals." Ellie is pictured here with "Lady," my parents' dog, who was also adopted from Pine Ridge in 1986," her owner writes.

5
"Thanks for the opportunity to adopt them," writes Kathryn Buckley of Needham, who found "Lily" at the League's Dedham shelter last summer, and her pal "Caly" at the Boston shelter this past December. "The kittens have become great friends, and my daughter and I are really enjoying them," she reports.

6
"Legs" loves to ham it up for the camera, as you can see from this picture," according to Annie and Greg Donovan of Beacon Hill in Boston. "She was adopted from your shelter in December, 1991, and has brought us much joy and laughter. She's truly a best friend!"



Sit Up & Beg

The staff at the League has come up with the following "wish list" of items that would add to the safety, care or comfort of our animal friends. If you would like to donate any of these items, or contribute toward the purchase of a piece of equipment, please call (617) 426-9170.

2 Nets for Coda Net Gun
Used to humanely capture animals who are in danger. Each net costs $285.

35mm camera
Used for our law enforcement department.

8mm Camcorder with 3" LCD screen
Would be used to tape rescues for educational training purposes; $600.

Sled for ice rescues
Approximately $3,000.

Towels and blankets
Used to line cages for warmth after bathing.

Hospital type incubators
Used in the shelters.

Sponsors and raffle prizes
Used for the September 27 "Putting for Pets" golf tournament.

Thank You

We would also like to gratefully thank Robert J. Grasso for his generous contribution of a wet suit which will be used for water rescues!

Pet Photo Contest at Expressly Portraits Benefits League

Expressly Portraits photography studios is running a special fundraising Pet Photo Contest campaign during April and May which focuses on the animal friends in your household. They have graciously chosen the Animal Rescue League of Boston to be the recipient of proceeds.

Beginning April 8 through the end of May, make an appointment at Expressly Portraits at either the Burlington Mall (617-270-9443) or South Shore Plaza (617-843-7001) and the $5 sitting fee will be donated to the League! The Burlington Mall location proceeds will benefit the League's Salem branch, while our Boston shelter will receive contributions from South Shore Plaza. Contest judging will be held at the individual locations on May 29, 30, and 31. The public will be invited to choose a favorite photo by donating one dollar per vote. The most votes determines the winner in the categories of dogs, cats, and exotic pets. All prizes will be donated by local veterinarians and pet supply stores. Woof!

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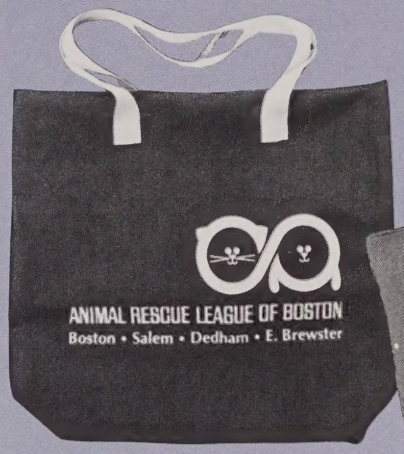
Show Your Support!

Help spread awareness of the Animal Rescue League of Boston by wearing and using these new League items!

All of these promotional items may be purchased at League locations in Boston, Brewster, Dedham and Salem, or may be ordered by mail. Colors are blue and white.



Tote Bag
$12.00 ea.

T-Shirt
(S, M, L, XL)
$10.00 ea.

Fanny Pack
$ 7.00 ea.

Sweatshirt
(S, M, L, XL)
$18.00 ea.

Insulated Travel Mug
$ 3.50 ea.

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The President and Board of Directors cordially invite you to attend our

Annual Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 25, 1996

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Location: League Headquarters
Corner of Arlington & Tremont Streets
Boston, Massachusetts

Program: Annual Meeting, Election of Directors
Guest Speaker

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